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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE EXIM FINANCING FOR SECOND BANGKOK AIRPORT

PASS EXIM

HONG KONG FOR RAND

1. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH EXIM CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT HENRY KEARNS MARCH 10, NORTHROP REPRESENTATIVES IN BANGKOK SUBMITTED SUGGESTION TO KEARNS THAT EXIM SEND A TEAM TO BANGKOK TO DISCUSS THE ENTIRE PROJECT AND OUTSTANDING ISSUES. NORTHROP EXPRESSED VIEW SUCH CONSULTATION IN THAILAND WOULD PERMIT BETTER UNDERSTANDING FOR PROJECT IN ITS ET-
TING, INCLUDING OPPORTUNITY MEET AND DISCUSS WITH RTG OFFICIALS, LOCAL BANKS, ETC. IF EXIM DECIDES NOT SEND TEAM, NORTHROP PREPARED SEND OFFICIALS TO WASHINGTON.

2. CONTRACT SIGNED FEBRUARY 1 FEBWEEN NORTHROP AND MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF SECOND BANGKOK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, A PRE-
CEDENT MAKING STEP WHICH OFFERS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICAN COMPANY IN INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION FIELD. ENTIRE PROJECT, COSTING OVER \$100 MILLION, MAY STAND OR FALL ON ABILITY NORTHROP AND EXIM REACH AGREEMENT ON CONDITIONS FOR LOAN. PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT BY LOCAL AND FOREIGN INTERESTS IN SUPPORT OF NORTHROP HIGHLY UN-
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LIKELY IN ABSENCE EXIM SUPPORT. IF NORTHROP PACKAGE FALLS THROUGH, OTHER INTERESTS WILL LIKELY STEP IN IMMEDIATELY AND ATTEMPT TAKE OVER PROJECT.

3. THEREFORE, I RECOMMEND THAT EXIM SERIOUSLY CONSIDER NORTHROP PROPOSAL AND SEND MISSION TO EXAMINE PROJECT IN FULL IN BANGKOK.
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